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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division
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**The Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
General Permit Number LAG260000
Agency Interest Number 123766
Discharges from Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, and Production
Facilities Located within the Territorial Seas of Louisiana**

On June 10, 2011 the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit, remanded the LAG260000 General Permit to LDEQ. As a result of this ruling, the LDEQ will modify the general permit to remove the outfall for produced water. The LDEQ will continue to grant authorizations to discharge under this permit for those facilities who do not discharge produced water.

Facilities wishing to discharge produced water must seek authorization under an individual permit by submitting the O&G-IND permit application. Facilities currently discharging produced water under the authority of the LAG260000 permit must submit an O&G-IND permit application no later than April 1, 2012.

The individual permit will require an evaluation of the effects of produced water discharges on the environment and human health. The regulated community will be responsible for providing information that will be utilized to determine whether authorization to discharge produced water in the territorial seas will be granted.

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